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Knothole

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About Cars

by Kevin Walsh

Would you believe it? Something that the Japanese Auto Manufacturers do better than Detroit. It is a fact. they make a more stealable car, and have been all through the Reagan/Bush years. Alas, those were the days...but I digress.

What has actually happened is that Toyota parts for 1980-89 models are very difficult to obtain, hence very valuable, so we have seen a rash of older model Toyota thefts in the University Hill area. The cars are taken to a variety of local chop shops and the parts distributed nationally.

It only takes a matter of seconds for an experienced thief to enter, start, and depart with your car. To add to the convenience for the car thief some Toyota models have a "hidden" key in the glove compartment. If you have one of these "secret" keys, it's a good idea to remove it.

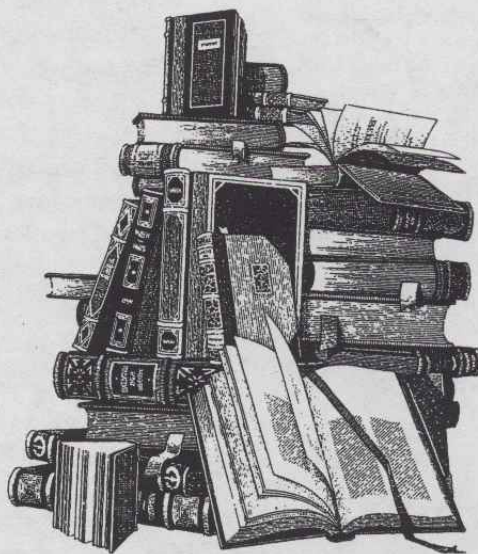
There are few real protections that can be taken to prevent this crime other than parking in lighted areas and calling Public Safety (ESF), Security (SU), or the Police when you see someone acting suspiciously in the parking lots. Without recommending any particular product we have heard good things about "THE CLUB" and similar devices that provide additional protection against theft.

Syracuse University Campus Mediation Center

A free, fast and convenient way to start to resolve a conflict between neighbors, roommates, coworkers and anyone else you interact with. The Mediation Center is run by trained volunteers, who listen to all sides of the dispute and will assist the people involved in reaching their own agreement. The process is voluntary, informal and confidential. Call 443-3870 for more information.

Small Stores Closing!!

Small Stores will be closing for the fall semester on December 15. All test files should be returned by noon on December 15, otherwise your ID will be spending the holidays in Small Stores. Anyone wishing to purchase gifts for the holidays should do so before the 15th, as Small Stores will be closed until January.



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Editor's Page

The recent election for an SGA (Student Government Association) president at Syracuse University was finally filled by Jeremy Martin. The voter turnout at the ESF campus numbered around 200, which is pretty substantial considering that numbers for voter turnouts for ESF's elections are quite a bit lower.

In case you are wondering what relevance this has on your life here at ESF, the important thing is that Jeremy is trying to bridge the gap between ESF and SU. It is important that we work together on things that are possible, instead of always looking at ESF and SU as separate entities. One of the ways that you can be involved in this goal is to get involved in a position within the student governments at ESF and SU. Some of the positions available through SU are:

- *Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs
- *Executive Vice President of Student Affairs
- *Executive Vice President of University Community Relations
- *Executive Vice President of Administrative Operations
- *Art Director
- *Environmental Assistant
- *Executive Assistant

If you are interested and want more information on any of the above positions, please contact Jeremy Martin at 443-2650, or stop by his office in the Schine Student Center.

To keep things in perspective at this busy time in the semester:

"One final paragraph of advice: Do not burn yourselves out.... Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure... climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, that lovely, mysterious and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive..."

from The Journey Home by Edward Abbey

Lack of Understanding Causes Misperception

by Gil Pontius

I believe that our colleague Murdock and I generally agree that statistical analysis (if used intelligently) can be a guide for rational analysis, and that statistics should never be used as a substitute for serious thought. I think the same can be said for other methods of reasoning such as Economics. However, Murdock perceives a "Catch 22 of statistics" because "you can't prove 100% certainty using them." This perception is 1) common, 2) used as a springboard for statistics bashing, and 3) based on misplaced expectations of statistics.

To clear a common misunderstanding, remember that statistics is designed to investigate evidence. Statistics is not designed to prove anything. In fact, to speak of the level of certainty of a proof is oxymoronic. Statistics attempts to quantify the level of confidence of hypotheses. The fact that statistics does not yield results which are 100% confident is a strength, not a weakness. Statistics emphasizes that the conclusions humans draw are fallible, thus, statistics attempts to quantify the probability of fallibility, which is more than can be said of many other kinds of decision making methods. Ironically, Murdock points out that "even a 1% chance of being wrong leaves open the door for argument." So actually, statistics leaves discussion open and does not require the decision maker "to pray at the altar of the almighty scientist." Thus, there is no reason to perceive a "Catch 22 of statistics."

Also, remember that statistics is designed to detect associations among variables; statistics is not designed to determine cause and effect relationships. Thus, it is absurd to attempt to use statistics to try to prove that humans cause (or do not cause) greenhouse warming. However, statistics can help to analyze the evidence of the relationship between human activity and carbon dioxide release. I think that if we better understand the basic principles of statistics, then we need not perceive statistics as a trap, but as a door to open.

Ski the USA - without paying ski resort prices

For more information on AYH hostels in the USA, contact:

**Hostelling International
American Youth Hostels
P.O. Box 37613**

Think With Me by Ann Russell**Here We go Again, Again**

So, your sitting there having a conversation, having lunch, having a nap, having a dream, having a memory lapse, whatever the case and it happens...Wow, wait a minute, *deja vu*. That semi-*eeerie* feeling of recurrence. This has happened before.. I mean I have been here before or said this before..I know I have done this before. I have been noticing that people around me have been speaking about their experiences with *deja vu* a lot more than usual. Some actually have experienced it while I was with them. I myself am not immune from this phenomena either. But what is it, why is it, where does it come from?? Now I am sure there are publications, articles and possibly books written about this. And if I had, or could find, the time I might actually read up on it. But I also know that I probably wouldn't be able to understand a word of it.

So, I am putting matters into my own pen. Now, I don't know if there is some cosmic line that we all tap into occasionally. Or if there are such things as past lives and ESP, and if I said I believed in such things I am sure the letters to the Knothole would start pouring in. Actually, there is no true point to this article, I just found it interesting.

Some people believe the feeling is genuine, that when one gets *deja vu* they actually have experienced that situation before. It has crossed my mind that perhaps (at least in some cases) we find ourselves in very familiar situations and our brain get a few steps ahead of us. Some say that the whole thing is a joke and that *deja vu* does not even exist. Well, I can't deny the fact that whatever it is happens to me.

Maybe it is our past trying to speak to us. Imagine that, your thoughts and actions of the past coming back to check up on you. Cosmic history glimpsing into the future. Time catching up to itself.

Wow, well, it is good to get your mind out of the books and into itself every once and a while. Anyway, so here I sit and ponder the fact that I may have pondered this fact before and I realize that I probably will never have an answer. (Which is what makes pondering so great).

So, your sitting there having a conversation, having lunch, having a...

Take Care!!

Female Housemates wanted to share extremely large house with other females. Large screen television, cleaning service and home cooked meals! Sound Good? If you are a non-smoker, call 423-8674 anytime!

ESF Seminar on Instruction

For faculty, staff, and teaching assistants

DATE: Friday, December 4

TIME: 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm

PLACE: Studio B- Illick

Dr. Dudley Raynal

Distinguished Teaching Professor

Dr. James Hassett

1992 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Stephen Stehman

1992 Undergraduate Student Association
Distinguished Teacher Award

Welcome and introduction by

Provost William Tully

Please take this opportunity to join with your
colleagues to recognize and celebrate the
quality of teaching at ESF and to discuss
teaching and learning in an open forum

Please plan to participate

Those of you who are graduating in December
that still need to complete your service,
come to this meeting!

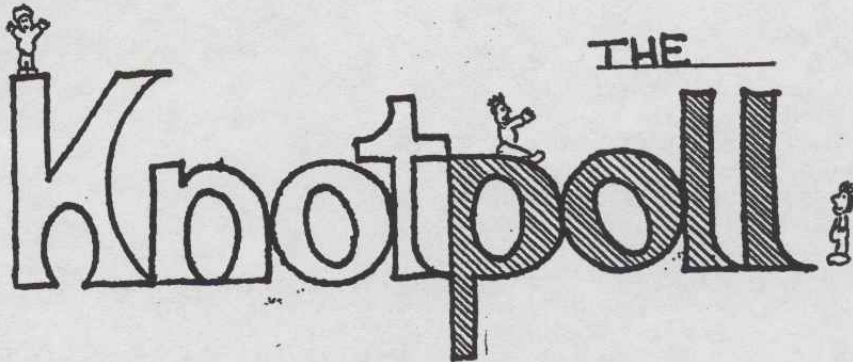
Beech Bark Decline

**Beech Bark Decline.
Doesn't that sound fine?
Instead of Beech Bark Disease.
Since it's lulling so many trees.**

It's a complex system, you will see.
Three important factors are as clear as can be.
Predisposing and inciting are the first two.
Last, come contributing factors, they aren't very new.

Just sit back and listen to me.
I'll tell you the facts about American Beech tree.
At the end, it will all be clear to you.
We'll organize a Beech Bark Decline crew.

-Jennie Lobb



Thank you to all who responded to last week's question concerning the stated "mission" of ESF. **Many people are "dissatisfied with this school's attitude" and answered no, that ESF does not fulfill the mission.** Another student asked why pesticides are used on the quad at an "environmental school." Please keep your comments and suggestion coming. We look forward to hearing your response!

Are you aware that pesticides are used on the quad?

YES

NO

COMMENTS:

Do you have the final exam blues?

Donate those blues-givers to Small Stores! We'd love to have your tests and quizzes for any and all classes, both at S.U. and ESF. We don't care what your grade was and if you're shy, just cross out your name. You can even cut your name out! Your fellow students will appreciate it.

P.S. If you have ever used old tests from Small Stores, remember that those were donated by students like you and if you've found slim pickin's for your classes, that's because no one like you has donated any! So donate some. Thank you!

MAKING IT GREAT FOR EASTER SEALS

November 1, 1992 through January 31, 1993

Pizza Hut has teamed up with local businesses to offer a \$50 valued coupon book for a \$1.00 purchase price to benefit Easter Seals. Now through January 31, 1993 customers may purchase the books at any participating Pizza Hut restaurants and enjoy savings from Pizza Hut, CPI Photo Finish, Monro Muffler/Brakes, Heid's and TNT Martial Arts.

All proceeds will help Easter Seals continue and develop new programs and services for children and adults with disabilities in Central New York. The New York Easter Seal Society is proud to provide programs like Camp Goodwill, disabled ski programs and speech therapy services. These programs and more help people with disabilities become as active and independent as possible.

So, purchase your booklet, enjoy some fantastic savings, and help Easter Seals help people with disabilities.

Contact: Barbara Boodram
Development Assistant
The New York Easter Seal Society
1-800-727-8785

Only

9

more days till

Convocation

and

21

more days till

The End of the Semester!

Have some tests that you don't know what to do with?

Why not donate them to the Small Stores Test files. It's quick, easy, and a good way to recycle all that paper. Just drop off your old tests in the box marked TEST FILES DONATION, located in the foyer of Moon Library. All tests that are donated will be added to the test files in Small Stores, and will benefit the entire student body. All names on tests are removed before they are added to the test files, so don't worry that everyone will know how good or bad you did in a class. If you can't make it to Moon Library to donate tests, feel free to drop them off anytime at Small

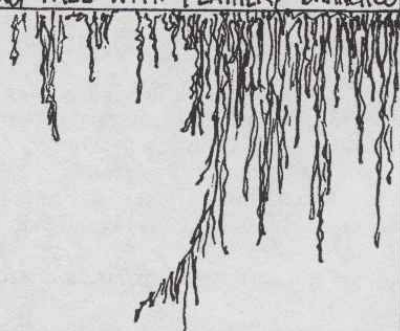
Gamma Delta Theta

I hope we get rave reviews for our reading of the Lorax! Great job Gamma Delts! Thanks to everyone who showed up. We may be performing for my two little sister's elementary school in Liverpool. We will be participating in Dance Marathon again in the spring so please support us and KDR. Special thanks to everyone who donated food to our canned food drive. Our Thanksgiving dinner with Kappa Phi is Sunday, November 22nd. The sisters will also be having a bake sale Monday, November 30th in Marshall Foyer, so stop by. To set the record straight, Rachel does not shop at Payless...Have a great Thanksgiving and don't drink and drive. Good luck to all you hunters.

Michelle Balzano

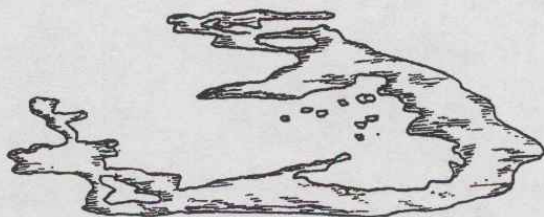
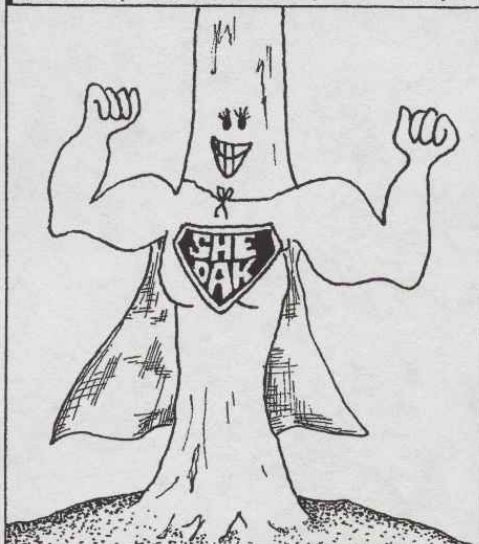


Cassuarina equisetifolia IS A FAST GROWING TREE WITH FEATHERY BRANCHES



THE CASUARINA OR "SHEOAK" IS USED TO PREVENT THE MOVEMENT OF SAND.

AFTER THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF BERMUDA CEDARS WERE KILLED IN A BUGHT, CASUARINAS WERE PLANTED AS REPLACEMENTS.



L. JOHNSON 1992

THE CASUARINA ORIGINATED IN AUSTRALIA BUT IT IS NOW POPULAR ALONG CARRIBEAN COASTS.



ASSOCIATES INCLUDE OTHER COAST TREES LIKE SEA-GRAPE, THE MANCHINEEL AND (OF COURSE!) JAMIE-D-CORDIA.

For The Beloved

"For even as love crowns you
so shall he crucify you."

-Kahlil Gibran

philanderer, Aphrodite turns blue in pain
blue ocean sparkles under rumpled eyebrows
waves of emotion coil like a python
rays of dismay radiates in psychedelic color
from the trembling goddess silhouette
philanderer, Aphrodite turns blue in pain

beauty never shatters but our vision does

illusion, tears, greed
blind materialism
sickness

we harvest joy and know not pain is the source
we cross but an imaginary line
we see the road ending in
a momentary coldness
a death caused by abdominal ulcer
search of other roads

greater understanding?
growing up to the Everest height?

the road travels from sunrise to sunset
the train shuttles from eternity to eternity
the illusioned passenger waits at a wrong
station with a confused ticket in hand

philanderer, Aphrodite turns blue in pain

-Azharul Mazumder

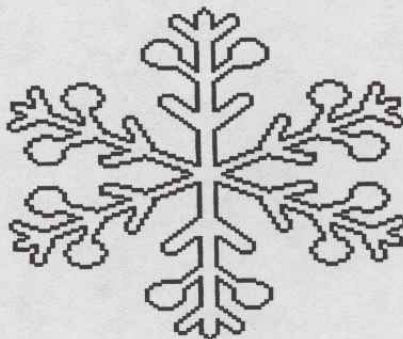
So sweet a kiss the golden sun gives not
To those fresh morning drops upon the rose.

Shakespeare, Love's Labour's Lost

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DECEMBER 11
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CONVENTION CENTER



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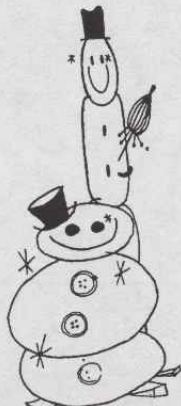
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
IN MARSHALL FOYER

\$10 FOR UNDERGRADS

\$20 FOR GUESTS AND
FACULTY

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL DECEMBER 4

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION



DID YOU KNOW??

**AIDS IS THE 6TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH
AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 15 TO 24...**

**AIDS IN 13 TO 24 YEAR OLDS HAS INCREASED 62%
IN THE LAST TWO YEARS**

7 OUT OF 10 AMERICANS HAVE HAD SEX BY AGE 18

**HAVING "UNSAFE" SEX (NO CONDOM) IS THE #1
WAY YOUTHS CATCH HIV**

**85% OF SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTHS DO NOT
USE CONDOMS**

**75% OF AIDS CASES WORLDWIDE ARE THE
RESULT OF HETEROSEXUAL CONTACT**

**A PERSON COULD BE INFECTED WITH HIV FOR AN
AVERAGE OF 7 TO 10 YEARS BEFORE SHOWING SYMPTOMS**

**THERE WILL BE AS MANY AS 40 MILLION PEOPLE INFECTED
WITH HIV WORLDWIDE BY THE YEAR 2000**

**ONE IN EVERY 250 ADULTS IN THE U.S. IS INFECTED
WITH HIV**

CONDOM MACHINES TO BE INSTALLED ON CAMPUS NEXT WEEK

To raise campus awareness of AIDS disease and to take an active step toward its prevention, the College will install condom machines in several locations next week. In conjunction with Syracuse University's AIDS Awareness programs, six machines will be located in restrooms in Marshall Hall, Illick Hall, and Moon Library.

It is estimated by the New York State Health Department that close to 500,000 New Yorkers are infected with the AIDS virus. There is much discussion these days about factors which place people in "high risk" groups for contracting HIV, the virus which leads to AIDS. In the last two years, the number of traditional college-aged individuals who have contracted HIV or AIDS has increased by 62%. 75% of the cases of AIDS worldwide result from heterosexual contact. AIDS is also considered the 6th leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 24 in US society today.

The New York State Health Department has responded to the increasing spread of the fatal disease with a strong educational and awareness effort. Raising all people's consciousness about the ways the virus is spread and also educating about treatment programs and research are among the efforts.

Here at SUNY-ESF we have responded with our own educational effort. In addition to the distribution of brochures, pamphlets, and posters, we are installing condom machines in men's and women's restrooms. These machines are accompanied by an informational flyer on statistics of the disease and the methods of preventing the spread of the HIV virus. Symbolically and directly these machines send a message about the serious nature of this epidemic.

Additional AIDS awareness efforts by the Office of Student Affairs and Educational Services will include information about abstinence behavior, peer communication and influence, and resources regarding other sexually transmitted diseases (STD's). Questions about these efforts may be directed to Vice President Heffernan.

NEEDED:

A FEW GOOD STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE SPRING AWARDS BANQUET COMMITTEE. THE SPRING AWARDS BANQUET IS ON MARCH 19 AND IT HONORS THE SPRING GRADUATES. THIS EVENT IS STUDENT RUN AND THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WEEKLY STARTING ON JANUARY 13 -6PM IN MOON LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL ARE WELCOME. WE NEED YOU!!

DECEMBER CONVOCATION 1992

December Convocation 1992 is coming!!

December convocation is a mid-year gathering of the ESF community to formally recognize students completing their degrees in December, and who might not be able to attend the Commencement ceremonies in May. It is held prior to Final Exams as a celebration of scholarship and academic achievement. All faculty, staff, students, family members, and friends are invited to attend and celebrate.

The program begins at 3:00 pm in Hendricks Chapel at SU on Friday, December 11th. A reception for graduates follows immediately in Nifkin Lounge until 5:15 pm. Afterwards, the celebration continues at the annual **December Soiree** from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. Tickets are available at Small Stores.

If you have any questions about December Convocation, please contact the Office of Activities and Organizations, 110 Bray Hall.

GOBBLE HOBBLE THANKS

TO: ALL THOSE ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE WHO CAME EARLY AND STAYED LATE INSURING THAT THE 1ST ANNUAL GOBBLE HOBBLE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

THANKS: BETSY, NISHA, DAN, DEB, MYCHELLE, KEITH, KEVIN, KAREN, JEN, SARAH, KATE, MIKE, KRISTINA, KELLY, JIM, RON, CHRIS, MIKE, AND TO ANYONE ELSE I MISSED!!

ANDREA IOSUE